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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the

application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A suction-cleansing device comprising:

a vessel body whose profile has a shape that is at least one of cannonball-like, circular-

truncated, half-spherical, and shaped so as to have a swelled part at the vessel body's rear, said

vessel body having a hollow portion whose profile <u>converges</u> is <u>converged</u> from its <u>the hollow</u>

portion's rear part-side to its the hollow portion's front part-side;

an air/liquid jetting port secured located at the a front end portion of said the vessel body;

a liquid-introducing pipe connected tangentially to a circumferential wall of the vessel

body's the rear part side of said vessel body in the tangential direction;

an air/liquid jet-guiding portion that is, which -is located disposed at the outer

eircumferentialcircumferentially outward from the portion of said air/liquid jetting port, and

which extends circumferentially outward from the is widened to open from said air/liquid jetting

port in toward a water the jetting direction, the air/liquid jet guiding portion being and is formed

to have be at least one of a circular-truncated shape, a half-spherical shape, and a disk shape-

shaped; and

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a flow-out portion composed of at least one of: notches <u>provided formed</u> in <u>the a front</u> end portion of the air/liquid jet guiding portion and ports formed <u>at in</u> the front <u>part side end</u> <u>portion</u> of the air/liquid jet guiding portion.

wherein water flows out of flow-out portion through the at least one of notches and ports.

2. (currently amended): The suction-cleansing device as set forth in Claim 1, including an air self-suction port that is opened and formed on the <u>a</u> rear wall of said vessel body and at a position deviated from at least one of: the <u>an</u> axial center of said vessel body and an air axis formed in said vessel body,

wherein said rear wall is disposed opposite the air/liquid jetting port.

3. (currently amended): The suction-cleansing device as set forth in Claim 2, including a rotating member that is attached by at least one of being screwed in a threaded portion or and being fitted to a fitting portion, wherein the threaded portion and the fitting portion are each which is opened and formed at in the rear wall of said vessel body and said rotating member is rotatably provided in a covered manner at on the rear wall, centering centered around the position deviated from the axial center of said vessel body or the air axis formed in said vessel body, wherein said air self-suction port is formed on said rotating member and formed at a position deviated from the rotating axis of said rotating member.

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4. (currently amended): The suction-cleansing device as set forth in Claim 3, including a tank portion, provided so as towhich coverseover said the rear wall of said vessel body or said rotating member, and which supplies air via said the air self-suction port, and an air introducing port secured attached toat said tank portion.

- 5. (withdrawn): The suction-cleansing device as set forth in Claim 1, including a water stream jetting nozzle portion whose tip end side is projected so as to be narrowed in its diameter from the rear part wall side of said vessel body and tip end opening portion is disposed inside said air/liquid jetting port, a plug-shaped, conically-shaped or inverted conically-shaped water stream regulating member disposed in the vicinity of the tip end of the nozzle via a rod-like supporting member inserted into said water stream jetting nozzle portion; and a position regulating and fixing portion, provided at the rear part wall side of said vessel body, which supports the base end side of said supporting member so as to advance and retreat or to be fixed.
- 6. (withdrawn): The suction-cleansing device as set forth in any one of Claims 1 through 5, including an inclined portion whose diameter is increased at a prescribed angle toward the jetting side on the inner circumferential wall of said air/liquid jetting port, and a flattened portion formed in contact with the front of said inclined portion.

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7. (withdrawn): The suction-cleansing device as set forth in any one of Claims 1 through 6, including a flow-out portion provided by cutting off the front side edge portion of said air/liquid jet-guiding portion or opened to the front part side of said air/liquid jet-guiding portion.

- 8. (withdrawn): The suction-cleansing device as set forth in any one of Claims 1 through 7, including a splash-preventing portion circumferentially provided toward the rear of the front side edge portion of said air/liquid jet-guiding portion.
- 9. (withdrawn): The suction-cleansing device as set forth in Claim 7, including a water stream collecting portion for collecting streams of water discharged from the flow-out portion of said air/liquid jet-guiding portion.
- 10. (withdrawn): The suction-cleansing device as set forth in Claim 9, including a flow-out regulating portion whose base end is rotatably disposed by means of a hinge on the circumferential edge portion of said air/liquid jet-guiding portion and whose roughly half-spherical circumferential edge portion shields the flow-out portion of said air/liquid jet-guiding portion.

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11. (withdrawn): A cleansing apparatus comprising a suction-cleansing device as set forth in any one of Claims 1 through 10, and a pump for supplying a cleansing liquid into said liquid-introducing pipe of said suction-cleansing device.

- 12. (withdrawn): The cleansing apparatus as set forth in Claim 11, wherein a pump air self-suction port for suctioning air is provided in a suction pipe for supplying a cleansing liquid, which is attached to the suction side of said pump.
- 13. (currently amended): The suction-cleansing device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the water flowing flows out of the notches of or the flow-out portion, creating creates suction at in the air/liquid jetting port.
- 14. (currently amended): The suction-cleansing device as set forth in claim 2, including a tank portion, provided so as to which covers said the rear wall of said the vessel body, which supplies air via said the air self-suction port, and

an air introducing port secured atattached to said tank portion.

15. (currently amended): A suction-cleansing device comprising:

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a vessel body having a hollow portion whose profile is converged converges from its the hollow portion's rear part side to its the hollow portion's front part side;

an air/liquid jetting port secured located at the a front end portion of said the vessel body;

a liquid-introducing pipe connected <u>tangentially</u> to a circumferential wall of the <u>vessel</u> body's rear-rear part-side of said vessel body in the tangential direction;

an air/liquid jet-guiding portion that is disposed at the outer circumferential portion of said which is located circumferentially outward from the air/liquid jetting port and which extends circumferentially outward from the air/liquid jetting port in a water jetting direction and is widened to open from said air/liquid jetting port toward the jetting direction;

a flow-out portion composed of at least one of: notches <u>formedprovided</u> in the agree front end portion of the air/liquid jet guiding portion and ports formed at <u>in</u> the front <u>part side end portion</u> of the air/liquid jet guiding portion,

wherein water flows out of the flow-out portion through the at least one of notches and ports;

an air self-suction port that is opened and formed on a rear wall of the vessel body and at a position deviated from the an axial center of said vessel body or from an air axis formed in said vessel body on the rear wall of said vessel body; and

a tank portion, which covers provided so as to cover said the rear wall of said vessel body, and which supplies air via said the air self-suction port, and

an air introducing port secured attached to at said tank portion.

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16. (currently amended): A suction-cleansing device comprising:

a vessel body having a hollow portion whose profile is converged converges from its the hollow portion's rear part side to its the hollow portion's front part side;

an air/liquid jetting port <u>located secured</u> at the <u>a</u> front <u>end portionside</u> of <u>said-the</u> vessel body;

a liquid-introducing pipe connected <u>tangentially</u> to a circumferential wall of the <u>vessel</u> <u>body's rear</u> rear <u>part</u> side of said vessel body in the tangential direction;

an air/liquid jet-guiding portion that is disposed at the outer circumferential portion of said-which is located circumferentially outward from the air/liquid jetting port and which extends circumferentially outward from the air/liquid jetting portion in a water jetting direction is widened to open from said air/liquid jetting port toward the jetting direction;

a flow-out portion composed of at least one of: notches <u>formedprovided</u> in <u>the a front end</u> portion of the air/liquid jet guiding portion and ports formed <u>at in the front part end portionside</u> of the air/liquid jet guiding portion;

wherein water flows out of the flow-out portion through the at least one of notches and ports;

an air self-suction port that is opened and formed on a rear wall of the vessel body and at a position deviated from the an axial center of said vessel body or from an air axis formed in said vessel body on the rear wall of said vessel body;

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a rotating member that is attached by at least one of being screwed in a threaded portion or and being fitted to a fitting portion, wherein the threaded portion and the fitting position are each which is opened and formed at in the rear wall of said vessel body and said rotating member is rotatably provided in a covered manner at on the rear wall, centering centered around the position deviated from the axial center of said vessel body or the air axis formed in said vessel body, wherein said air self-suction port is formed on said rotating member and formed at a position deviated from the a rotating axis of said rotating member; and

a tank portion, which coversprovided so as to cover said the rear wall of said vessel body or said rotating member, and which supplies air via said the air self-suction port, and _

an air introducing port attached secured at tosaid tank portion.